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Dr. L. E. Casida, Jr.,  
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Dear Casida:

I have noticed with interest your patent on the production of diamino~~im~~imelic acid and of lysine on a commercial scale with the use of a suitable mutant of *E. coli*.

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Lately, I have been working/some problems relating to the biosyn-d thesis of cell walls and the metabolism of DAP. It would be of considerable benefit to us to have a reliable supply of this compound. I have not yet noticed commercial offerings of DAP manufactured by your method. Could you do me the favor of either putting me in touch with your appropriate sales office, or else of furnishing us with a research sample of, say, 10 grams?

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,

Joshua Lederberg  
Professor of Genetics